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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 4206

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, MASS, LA

SUBJ: LAOS MAP

1. IN CONJUNCTION WITH PHASE-OUT OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WE PROPOSE, AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME, TO SEND FOLLOWING NOTE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY. IF PRIME MINISTER HAS RETURNED TO VIENTIANE, WE WOULD ALSO PROPOSE TO DELIVER COPY PERSONALLY TO HIM, AS IT SHOULD BE RECALLED THE PRESENT MAP RESTS ON AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN HIM AND AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 1973. (IF HE HAS NOT RETURNED, WE WOULD PROPOSE TO SEND COPY VIA HIS OFFICE HERE.)

2. BEGIN TEXT:

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION OF LAOS AND HAS THE HONOR TO SET FORTH FOR THE MINISTRY  
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ITS VIEWS ON UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE

KINGDOM OF LAOS.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS GIVEN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE KINGDOM OF LAOS FOR MANY YEARS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENEVA AGREEMENTS OF 1962.

DURING RECENT MONTHS THE SITUATION IN REGARD TO THE NECESSITY FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE IN THE KINGDOM HAS CHANGED COMPLETELY. A CEASE-FIRE HAS BEEN IN EFFECT FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS. THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION, REPRESENTING BOTH SIDES IN THE PREVIOUS CONFLICT, HAS BEEN GOVERNING THE KINGDOM FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR. THE INTEGRATION OF THE KINGDOM IS ADVANCING DAILY.

HIGH OFFICIALS OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION HAVE INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT THE ARMY WILL BE GREATLY REDUCED IN SIZE, AND IN THE FUTURE WILL DEVOTE ITS EFFORTS TO RURAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, WHILE ACTING AS A REINFORCEMENT TO THE NATIONAL POLICE IN MAINTAINING ORDER AND SECURITY WITHIN THE KINGDOM.

GIVEN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS CONCLUDED THAT ITS CONTINUED MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE KINGDOM OF LAOS CAN NO LONGER BE JUSTIFIED. HOWEVER, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES THAT THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION IS GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT TRANSITIONAL PERIOD. IN ORDER TO BE OF ASSISTANCE DURING THIS PERIOD, THE UNITED STATES WOULD, THEREFORE, CONSIDER CONTINUING FOR A TIME, SHIPMENTS OF RICE AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION FOR THE ROYAL LAO ARMED FORCES.

(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE.) END TEXT

3. PGNU'S REACTION IS UNPREDICTABLE AND THEREFORE WE DO NOT INTEND TO DELIVER THE NOTE UNTIL USAID DISSOLUTION IS COMPLETED AND ITS PERSONNEL HAVE DEPARTED. UNDER CURRENT PROJECTION, ALL USAID PERSONNEL WILL HAVE DEPARTED BY ABOUT JUNE 21, AND MISSION STRENGTH SHOULD BE BELOW 70 BY THAT DATE. WE HAVE THEREFORE TENTATIVELY PLANNED TO DELIVER NOTE WEEK  
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